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2014 State Beef Quiz Bowl hosted by Department of Animal Science

The University of Arkansas system Division of Agriculture Department of Animal Science hosted the 2014 Beef Quiz Bowl. The annual, statewide, tournament was held in Fayetteville, at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center.

The quiz bowl program is funded by the Arkansas Beef Council through revenue collected from the Beef Check-Off.

This Cooperative Extension activity provides students in Arkansas an incentive to learn more about management, food safety, forage nutrition, quality assurance and the end product. Educational material was provided for County Extension Agents and Vocational Agriculture Instructors to further the learning process beyond that of their beef 4-H and FFA projects.

Students were tested on many levels of question difficulty. The questions were compiled by animal science faculty and judging team students; and covered all aspects of beef production.

Four students made up a team, and teams competed in a double elimination tournament. Twenty-five teams participated this year.

Preparation for this contest allowed students to sharpen their knowledge about beef cattle production. Additionally, students improved communication, goal setting, critical thinking and team building skills and ultimately enhanced their interest in beef cattle.

Sebastian County 4-H won first place with the Washington County Beefcakes placing second and the Pope County 4-H Livestock team placing third.

This program has a great impact on educating students and encouraging a broadened perspective about their role in beef production, food safety and consumer acceptance.

These efforts will be continued through the University of Arkansas Department of Animal Science, Cooperative Extension Service, Arkansas Beef Council and Agriculture teachers across the state. }



First Place, Sebastian County 4-H: from left to right Matthew Beshears; William Howard; Cody Nena; Kyle Russell; Travis Justice, Beef Council



Second Place, Washington County Beef Cakes: from left to right Johnny Gunsaulis, Coach; Mesa Kutz; Allyson Morlan; Dawson Robinson; Jacob Norsworthy; Travis Justice, Beef Council



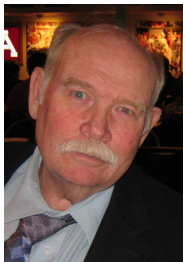
Third Place, Pope County 4-H Livestock: from left to right Marty McDaniel, Coach; Steve Mosher, Coach; Colte Mosher; Wyatt Mosher; Miller Dixon; John McDaniel; Travis Justice, Beef Council

Department Mourns Loss of Long-Time Professor

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Department of Animal Science recently said goodbye to a longtime member of the faculty. Dr. A. Hayden Brown Jr., 67, of Fayetteville, died May 26, 2014, in Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville following a short illness.

He was born Oct. 13, 1946 in Cookeville, Tenn., to Mrs. Imogene (Jean) Flatt Brown of Cookeville and the late Avert Hayden Brown, Sr. He grew up on a farm run by his Ma and Pa Flatt (Carlie B. and Vella Rogers Flatt). He graduated from Cookeville High School in 1964 and from Tennessee Tech University in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in animal science and began working for the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Tennessee, as an assistant extension agent in Jamestown, Tenn., from 1968-74. He earned M.S. (1974) and Ph.D. (1976) degrees in animal breeding and genetics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He and his wife, Helen, married on Sept. 9, 1977, and moved to Fayetteville. He worked at the University of Arkansas, starting in 1977, serving as an assistant, associate, and full professor in the Department of Animal Science.

A celebration of his life was held in Fayetteville on June 1 at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, University of Arkansas. Memorials may be sent to the Scholarship Fund, Department of Animal Science, University of Arkansas, 1120 W. Maple St., AFLS B114, Fayetteville, AR 72701. }



Dr. A. Hayden Brown, Jr.

Animal Science Alumna Donates 400 Volunteer Hours to Dept.

While earning a Bachelor's Degree in ANSC at the U of A, Caitlin Barnett was an integral part of the U of A Equine Program. Barnett's abilities, on her way to receiving her Equine minor, quickly became obvious. Barnett, always a top student, found that she was passionate about foaling. She was heavily invested in the mares and foals of the U of A resident breeding herd; it was rare for her to miss a foaling. Kathi Jogan, barn manager, remembers "Countless times I would come to the barn early in the morning to find Caitlin still there from the night before. I would try to get her to leave the barn because I was worried how the constant all night schedule would affect her grades. It was impossible to run Caitlin off, but I shouldn't have been worried. Although Caitlin spent so much time at the barn, she earned a 4.0 that semester, and remained at the top of her class."

During her last year at the U of A, she was put in charge of all U of A Equine Program mares and foals. Barnett graduated with honors in 2009, applied and was accepted to the KEMI internship in Lexington, KY immediately after graduation.

During her stint in Lexington Barnett worked at Shadwell Farm, owned by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. There she had the opportunity to continue to practice her foaling skills. Her ANSC education and nights at the U of A barn served her well and her knowledge and abilities were quickly recognized by managers and veterinarians in Lexington.

After she completed the internship, she was hired by Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, one of the most well respected equine veterinary facilities in the world. She started out as a veterinarian technician, and worked her way up to night supervisor where

she had the opportunity to be involved with treating and caring for the equine equivalent of blue bloods: horses worth millions of dollars.

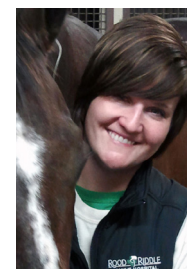
After working at Rood and Riddle for three years Barnett decided that it was time to go back to school and further her education. Caitlin applied and was accepted into the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing at the U of A.

During the spring of 2014 while she was taking prerequisite classes for the nursing program, she fell right back into place at the U of A horse barn – but this time was different. She was put in charge of herd health, assisting with equine classes and helped with labs for other ANSC classes.

Her passion for foaling mares and her desire to afford other U of A students an experience similar to the one she had while an undergraduate precipitated a novel arrangement, and a way to "pay it forward".

A new course was developed; one in which Barnett volunteered to work with the students to help them learn how to monitor and foal mares. Forty-one undergraduates signed up for the one credit "Broodmare and Neonate" class. Barnett was on site supervisor and U of A liaison at Johnny Walker's Sunrise Ranch. She was available for all four-hour night shifts to answer student questions, monitor the mares, and to allow the undergraduates to practice newly learned skills.

"I will always treasure the experience I had assisting with the foaling class. It was incredible to be able to give back to the University of Arkansas horse program after all that it has given to me," Barnett said. }



Caitlin Barnett